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"Rural Matters" Photo Contest

In order to highlight the beauty of rural Indiana, Lt. Governor Becky Skillman and the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) are hosting the "Rural Matters" photo contest. Hoosier photographers, amateur and professional, are invited to submit up to five entries for potential use in OCRA's promotional materials and public display.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Entrants must be over 18 years old and citizens of the State of Indiana;
- Up to five entries per photographer will be considered;
- Images must be digital (no prints will be accepted);
- Images should measure 1536 x 1024 pixels or larger;
- All photos must be in color (no black and white photos will be accepted);
- All photos must be submitted by the original photographer and entrant must hold the copyright;
- All photos must have been taken in rural Indiana within the last five years;
- Photos may be submitted in the following categories:
 - o Architecture:
 - o Business;
 - o Cities and towns;
 - o Education;
 - o Landscape;
 - o Nature; and
 - o Recreation.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Completed release form for <u>each</u> photograph submitted (may be submitted electronically);
- Completed model release form for any pictures featuring recognizable individuals (sample release forms can be found on the Internet). Entrants should check with an attorney with any legal questions regarding model releases;
- Photographs submitted via e-mail to OCRAphotocontest@gmail.com or CD to the Office of Community and Rural Affairs. (CDs will not be returned.)

JUDGING/WINNERS:

Photographs will be judged on creativity, technical quality, and effectiveness of conveying the spirit of rural Indiana. A winner will be chosen in each category as well as an overall winner. Winners will receive recognition from Lt. Governor Becky Skillman and the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and will have their photographs publicly displayed at the Indiana Statehouse. Any photographs deemed inappropriate by the judges will be automatically disqualified. Winners will be notified by phone or email by May 16.

USE OF PHOTOGRAPHS:

By entering this contest, photographers of winning and non-winning entries consent to the use of their photographs in promotional items including but not limited to Web sites, brochures, newsletters, exhibit booths, banners, books, pamphlets, or electronic formats by OCRA and the State of Indiana without compensation. Photographers retain copyright privileges for their photographs.

MODIFICATIONS TO PHOTOGRAPHS:

- Permissible modifications include red-eye reduction, cropping, resizing, and other modifications to enhance the natural appearance of the image including adjustments to contrast, brightness, intensity, etc.
- Photographers may not add borders, frames, copyright indicators, or objects that were not a part of the original photograph. Photographers may not replace/delete elements within the image or use an artistic filter.
- Photographers should strive to maintain the natural appearance of their photographs.

Entries (with a completed release form) must be received by 11:59 p.m. EST, March 28, 2008. Late entries will not be considered. Completed entries may be sent to:

Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs c/o Jennifer Stevens One North Capitol Avenue, Suite 600 Indianapolis, IN 46204

or

OCRAphotocontest@gmail.com

Office of Community and Rural Affairs Office of the Lieutenant Governor State of Indiana Photo Release and Originality Certification Form

| Location of photo: | | | |
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| Description of photo: | | | |
| Title of photo: | | | |
| Email address: | | | |
| Phone: (home) | (work) | | |
| City: | State: | Zip: | |
| Home address: | | | |
| Photographer's name: | | | |

I, the undersigned, hereby represent that the photo described above is an original photograph taken by me to which I am entitled copyright protection, that I am over 18 years of age, and a resident of the State of Indiana. In consideration for the acceptance of the photo by the Office of Community and Rural Affairs, and intending to be legally bound hereby, I grant the Office of Community and Rural Affairs, the Office of the Indiana Lieutenant Governor, and the State of Indiana the right to publicly display the photos for an indefinite period of time, if selected for display. I acknowledge that the final decision regarding the suitability of the photographs to be displayed will be made by the Office of Community and Rural Affairs. I also grant the Office of Community and Rural Affairs, the Office of the Indiana Lieutenant Governor, and the State of Indiana the right to reproduce the photo for any non-commercial purpose. I further grant to the Office of Community and Rural Affairs, the Office of the Indiana Lieutenant Governor, and the State of Indiana the right to include or authorize the inclusion of the photo in a compilation or derivative work in any form, including, but not limited to, Web sites, brochures, newsletters, exhibit booths, banners, books, pamphlets, or electronic formats, for the benefit of the Office of Community and Rural Affairs, the Office of the Indiana Lieutenant Governor, or the State of Indiana. I understand and agree that if my photograph is selected as a winner, I will be credited in the public display and in the winners' section of OCRA's Web site. However, I understand and agree that my work may be included in a derivative work, including but not limited to Web sites, brochures, newsletters, exhibit booths, banners, books, pamphlets, or electronic formats, and no credit will be given. I hereby release the Office of Community and Rural Affairs, the Office of the Indiana Lieutenant Governor, the State of Indiana, their employees, agents, and assigns from any and all liability for damage, loss, or misappropriation of the photos. Notwithstanding the grants of rights above, I retain all rights, including, but not limited to, legal title and copyright, of the photos. I further agree to indemnify, hold harmless and defend the Office of Community and Rural Affairs, the Office of the Indiana Lieutenant Governor, the State of Indiana, their employees, agents and assigns against any and all claims of any nature whatsoever, including, but not limited to, claims of copyright infringement, by any party whatsoever, arising out of or in any way related to the submission of the photo.